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ROYAL SCOTTISH GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION, 1919-1920

(1st October 1919 to 30th September 1920).

The Council have the honour to submit the following Report:—

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP.

The changes which occurred during the Session in the number of members were as follows:—

Number on 1st October 1919,	1309
New Members added,	127
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Deduct by Death,	32
„ Resignation,	36
„ Arrears,	8
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Number of ordinary members remaining on the roll on 30th September 1920,	1360
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Of this number, 684 are on the Edinburgh list, 354 on the Glasgow list, 117 and 87 on the Dundee and Aberdeen lists respectively. In addition to those on the lists named, 35 members reside abroad, and 83 reside in England. The number of Life members in the total given above is 193.

TEACHER ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

Number on 1st October 1919,	190
New Members added,	182
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	372
Deduct by Death,	2
„ Resignation,	17
„ Arrears,	4
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Remaining on roll 30th September 1920,	349
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The number of Associate Members at the various centres is as follows:—
Edinburgh, 108; Glasgow, 170; Dundee, 2; Aberdeen, 21. In addition 44 reside in England and 4 abroad.

FELLOWS AND HONORARY MEMBERS.

There are seven Honorary Members, thirty Honorary Fellows, and one hundred and six Ordinary Fellows of the Society, and thirty-seven Honorary Corresponding Members.

The Diploma of Fellowship was granted during the session to William H. Gastall, D.C.M., Liverpool; Alexander S. Lawson, M.A., Edinburgh; William P. C. Bain, Edinburgh; Charles Lawrence Baker, S.B., M.A., California; Horace J. Bower, Wakefield; Mohamed Hamdi, Cairo; Ebenezer King, Corstorphine; Harry J. Peddie, Edinburgh; J. P. Smith, J.P., Larbert; James Walker, M.A., Edinburgh; Hugh Fraser Campbell, M.A., B.L., Aberdeen; David Brigham; Edinburgh; George Tudhope, China; John W. Moir, Edinburgh; Norman M. Johnston, M.A., Kirkcaldy; M. S. Odabashian, Edinburgh; Ernest A. Manchester, Glasgow; Dr. Robert Fullarton, Glasgow.

SOCIETY'S MEDALS.

At the opening meeting of the session, held in the Usher Hall on December 3rd, the Right Hon. Field-Marshal Earl Haig of Bemerseyde was presented with the Society's Gold Medal (p. 44).

The Society's Silver Medal was awarded to David E. Collier, first in the merit list in the ordinary class in Geography in Edinburgh University.

THE LIBRARY AND MAP DEPARTMENT.

During the past session 243 books, 78 pamphlets, 131 reports, 14 atlases, 247 map-sheets and charts have been added to the Library. The transactions and periodicals regularly received number 154. The number of volumes borrowed by members was 2213, and the library was, as usual, much consulted by others in search of geographical information.

The Council desire to record their thanks to the Foreign and Colonial Governments for the official publications they have presented to the Library; to the Treasury, for the revised Ordnance Survey maps of Scotland, both in outline and colour, as each of the revisions now in progress is published; to the Geological Survey of Scotland; to the Geographical Section, General Staff, War Office; to the Admiralty; to the British Museum (Natural History); to the Edinburgh University Library; to the Survey of India; and also to the under-mentioned private donors of books and maps, viz.:—Lady Warrack; Rt. Hon. Earl Haig of Bemerseyde; Dr. Wm. S. Bruce; Mr. C. Boog-Watson; Mr. Walter S. Dickson; Miss E. M. Barclay; Mrs. M. H. Mackintosh; Mr. W. Forgan; Mr. G. T. Scott; and Mr. Ralph Richardson.

DONATIONS.

The Glasgow Corporation has generously made a grant of £200 from the funds of the Scottish Exhibition of Natural History, Art and Industry towards the cost of production of a special number of the Magazine, to be entirely devoted to the City of Glasgow.

The Scottish Spitsbergen Syndicate, Ltd., generously subscribed £25 towards the cost of production of the map of Klaas Billen Bay and Temple Bay, Spitsbergen, to illustrate Dr. Rudmose Brown's article, which appeared in the April issue.

BEQUEST.

Under the will of the late Dr. Bartholomew the sum of £500 was bequeathed to the Society, subject to a life interest.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

The Society's Anniversary Meeting was addressed by Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland. Thirty-two ordinary meetings of the Society were held, twelve, including six afternoon meetings, in Edinburgh, seven in Glasgow, and six and seven in Dundee and Aberdeen respectively. These meetings were addressed by Dr. R. Rudmose Brown; Miss Ella Christie; Lt.-Col. J. H. M. Cornwall, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., R.A.; Captain D. G. Cooper, M.B.; Captain W. B. R. King; Prof. Lionel W. Lyde, M.A., F.R.G.S.; Mr. John Mathieson, F.R.S.G.S.; Miss G. E. Mitton; Sir Ernest Shackleton, C.V.O.; Mr. Ikbal Ali Shah, M.R.A.S., F.R.G.S.; Captain Basil Spence, R.A.M.C., and Mr. Wm. Barnes Steveni, M.J.I. In addition, a cinematograph exhibition of pictures, taken by Mr. Byron Harmon of Banff, Alberta, and a series of beautiful slides from photographs taken by Mr. David Brigham, and described by Mr. Harold Raeburn, were shown.

THE SCOTTISH GEOGRAPHICAL MAGAZINE.

The chief event of the past year in connection with the *Magazine* has been the publication in October 1919 of the Edinburgh issue, with its long series of maps and illustrations. The success of this number has led to an effort being made to follow it by another devoted to the City of Glasgow. Since the beginning of 1920 the *Magazine*, owing to the steady rise in printing costs, has been reduced to a quarterly of 72 pages. It has, however, been supplemented by the publication, during the winter months, of a billet containing lists of books received, and notes on important articles appearing in the current geographical journals.

The Council desire to acknowledge their obligations to the contributors of articles, and to the following, who have rendered valuable assistance to the editors:—The late Dr. J. G. Bartholomew; Mr. J. H. Birrell; Principal Charnock Bradley; Dr. R. N. Rudmose Brown; Mr. H. M. Cadell; Mr. W. L. Calderwood; Miss Constance De La Cour; Rev. J. R. Fleming; Mr. A. P. Gray; Dr. John Gunn; Mr. L. Hinxman; Mr. N. M. Johnson; Mr. W. R. Kermack; Dr. C. G. Knott; Mr. John Mathieson; Mr. J. D. Monro; Rev. Dr. Morrison; Dr. F. Mort; Mr. R. C. Mossman; Mr. T. S. Muir; Mr. C. T. Macgregor; Mr. Harold Raeburn; Mr. Ralph Richardson; Dr. W. G. Smith; Prof. J. A. Thomson; Mr. H. R. Wallis; and Mr. W. B. Wilson.

OBITUARY.

DR. J. G. BARTHOLOMEW.

The Council have to express their deep regret at the great loss which the Society has sustained through the death of Dr. J. G. Bartholomew. The Council have recorded their appreciation of the services rendered by him to the Society in the minute which appears on p. 182.

LORD GUTHRIE.

The Council have likewise to express their profound regret at the loss which the Society has sustained through the death of Lord Guthrie. The Council have

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recorded in the minute printed on p. 182 their appreciation of the services rendered by him to the Society.

The Council also regret to have to record, among others, the deaths of the following members :—Dr. George Smith (see pp. 187-8) ; Dr. Robert Munro ; Sir Lewis M'Iver ; Colonel Sir Henry Trotter ; The Hon. Lord Peckover ; and Sir David Stewart of Banchory.

NATIONAL COLLECTION OF OLD MAPS OF SCOTLAND.

The Committee at work upon the National Collection of Old Maps of Scotland have not been able to add much to the number of maps this year, as very little has been offered, but working upon their fine collection of Maps of the Lothians, they were able during June to exhibit an almost complete collection of the maps of those counties from the very earliest. There was a constant stream of visitors. At the same time the opportunity was taken, through the kindness of Dr. W. B. Laikie, to exhibit his unique collection of maps relating to the events of the year 1745. Four lectures were delivered relating to the Lothians, notes of which have been issued in the *Magazine*. The first, by Mr. Harry R. G. Inglis, F.R.S.G.S., F.S.A. (Scot.), was upon "The Early Maps of the Lothians" ; the second, by Professor Watson, upon "The Gael in the Lothians" ; the third, by Dr. Macdonald, on "The Roman in the Lothians," and the fourth, by Dr. Laikie, on "Prince Charles in the Lothians."

The Committee would be glad if Members coming across old maps would secure them for the use of the Society.

FINANCE.

The Annual Financial Statement here follows.

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ROYAL SCOTTISH GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

From 30th September 1919 to 30th September 1920.

FUNDS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 1919 :—

£400 Dominion of Canada 3½ per cent. Registered Stock,	£405	1	0
1930-50 (Deposited with Treasury), cost,	1686	7	6
£1777, 7s. 7d.—5% War Stock 1929-47, cost,	100	0	0
£100—5% Exchange Bonds, due 1st April 1922,	£2191	8	6

BALANCES due by Banks :—

On Account Current,	£245	5	5
On Deposit Receipt,	322	10	0
On Do. do. (Glasgow Equipment Fund)	78	6	11
	646	2	4

Less—Subscriptions received in advance,

Sundry Creditors,	£16	16	0
Due to Treasurer,	178	3	4
	126	6	6
	321	5	10

SUBSCRIPTIONS from Ordinary Members,

Less—Paid in Advance,	£1249	10	0
	13	13	0
	£1235	17	0

SUBSCRIPTIONS from Associate Members, less paid

in advance, £3, 13s. 6d.,	186	7	6
DIPLOMA and LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES,	127	5	0
DIVIDENDS and INTERESTS,	125	3	2
GOVERNMENT GRANT,	200	0	0
INCOME TAX recovered for year ending 5th April 1920,	4	16	0
ENTRANCE FEES from new Members,	87	3	0

INTEREST ON DEPOSIT RECEIPT (Glasgow Equipment Fund),

DONATIONS,	1966	11	8
DONATION from Glasgow Corporation to meet expense of special issue of Magazine,	3	4	10
	10	0	0
	200	0	0

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MAGAZINE—Expenses of Publication, etc. :—

Printing and other charges,	.	.	.	£728	13	4½
Illustrations,	.	.	.	26	6	3
Maps,	.	.	.	38	11	0
				£798	10	7½

Less—Magazines sold,

Advertising Receipts,	.	.	.	£66	8	9
				107	2	10

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GENERAL PRINTING and STATIONERY,

BOOKS and other furnishings for Library,	.	.	.	£619	19	0½
EXPENSES in connection with Lectures—Less Lecture Tickets sold,	.	.	.	41	12	1
GLASGOW BRANCH, Rent of Room,	.	.	.	257	9	4
RENT OF COUNCIL ROOM, Taxes, Gas, Repairs, Insurance, etc.,	.	.	.	15	0	0
SALARIES,	.	.	.	220	15	10
MISCELLANEOUS, including General Expenses, and Postages,	.	.	.	574	5	0
MEDALS,	.	.	.	238	15	0
				17	19	0
				£2071	5	4½

FUNDS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 1920 :—

£400 Dominion of Canada 3½ per cent. Registered Stock, 1930-50 (Deposited with Treasury), cost,	£405	1	0
£1777, 7s. 7d.—5% War Stock, 1929-47, cost,	1686	7	6
£100—5% Exchange Bonds, due 1st April 1922,	100	0	0
	£2191	8	6

BALANCES due by Banks :—

On Account Current,	£29	7	6
On Deposit Receipt,	137	10	0
On do. do. (Glasg. Corpora-	.	.	.

tion Donation),

On do. do. (Glasg. Equip-	200	0	0
ment Fund),	81	11	9

Petty Cash on hand,

Balance due by Aberdeen Treasurer	448	9	3
	1	11	1½
	0	12	11

£2642 2 7½

Less—Subscriptions received in advance, £13 13 0

Associates paid in advance,	3	13	6
	17	6	6

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Edinburgh, 14th October 1920.—I have examined the Accounts of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society for the year ended 30th September 1920, of which the above is an Abstract, and compared them with the Vouchers and Instructions thereof, and I find the whole to be correctly stated and sufficiently vouched and instructed.

P. C. ROBERTSON, M.A., C.A., Auditor.

LIVINGSTONE MEDAL FUND.

FUNDS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 1919 :—

£572, 12s. 5d.—5% War Stock 1929-47, cost,	£543 19 10	£543 19 10
Deposit Receipt Commercial Bank of Scotland, Limited,	135 4 4	196 1 5
Balance due by Treasurer,	28 12 8	
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	£707 16 10	

INCOME RECEIVED :—

Interest on £572, 12s. 5d.—5% War Stock 1929-47 untaxed,	£28 12 8	
Bank Interest,	3 11 9	
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	32 4 5	
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	£740 1 3	

FUNDS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 1920 :—

£572, 12s. 5d.—5% War Stock 1929-47, cost,	£543 19 10	£543 19 10
Deposit Receipts Commercial Bank of Scotland, Ltd.,	196 1 5	

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Edinburgh, 14th October 1920.—Examined and found correct.

P. C. ROBERTSON, M.A., C.A., Auditor.

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